

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rural health care takes individuals of rare strength, fortitude and intellect, demonstrated most especially by that small town doctor who exhibits care, compassion and an undying commitment to his patient's care; and,

Whereas, George J. Mangulis was born in Latvia and began his medical training at the University of Riga, Latvia Medical School in 1941, continuing at Baltic University in Germany, ultimately receiving his M.D. from the University of Hamburg in 1948. He began a long medical career of caring and public service by working with displaced persons at Lubah, Germany, giving them physicals in preparation for emigration to the United States; and,

Whereas, Dr. Mangulis continued his journey to Philip, South Dakota, by working at the Nebraska State Hospital in 1951 and interning at Sioux Valley Hospital where he completed his internship in 1954. He passed his state boards and began a medical practice in Philip on March 5, 1955, beginning a long and illustrious career in medical and public service; and,

Whereas, Dr. Mangulis has dedicated his life to practicing medicine over a large area of western South Dakota, delivering over 1,000 babies, saving many lives and bringing quality health care to countless residents of this area, at times carrying the health care needs of a vast area by himself; and,

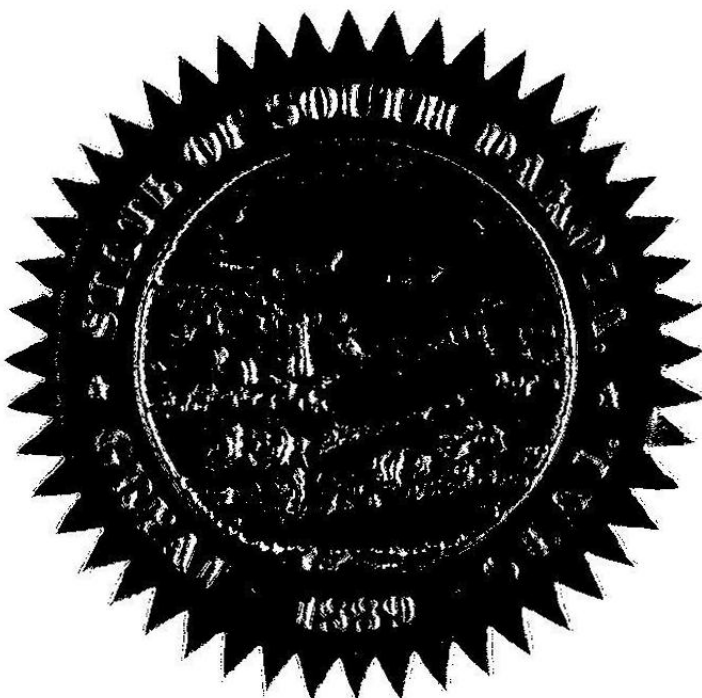
Whereas, Dr. Mangulis has been a tireless public servant, serving on the Philip Chamber of Commerce, the Philip Board of Education, the First Lutheran Church Council and other local boards. He also is a member of the American Medical Association, a Fellow with the American Academy of Family Practitioners and a member of the South Dakota Medical Association, from which he was awarded the Unity Service Award by a Physician. He was also awarded the Jefferson Award for volunteerism and was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame as a Professional in 1992; and,

Whereas, Dr. George J. Mangulis has practiced medicine in Philip for 50 years, and the community and surrounding area owes a great debt of gratitude to Dr. Mangulis for continuing health care and for being the strongest link in the ongoing success of the medical facilities in Philip, South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2005, as

DR. GEORGE J. MANGULIS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends as they recognize Dr. Mangulis for his commitment to a successful career and extend best wishes on this 50th anniversary.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:
Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State